

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

---

JOHN STEPNOWSKI,

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER

10-cv-691-wmc

Dr. PLANK / AURORA MEDICAL CENTER,  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, LTD,  
DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL  
and JACKSON CORRECTIONAL,

Defendants.

---

Plaintiff John Stepnowski, a prisoner at the Jackson Correctional Institution in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, has submitted a proposed complaint. He requests leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because plaintiff is a prisoner, he is subject to the 1996 Prisoner Litigation Reform Act. This means that before this court may decide whether he can proceed with his complaint *in forma pauperis*, plaintiff will have to make an initial partial payment of the filing fee. The initial partial payment is calculated by using the method established in 28 U.S.C. § 1915. That is, by figuring 20% of the greater of the average monthly balance or the average monthly deposits to the plaintiff's trust fund account statement. From the trust fund account statement that plaintiff has submitted, the greater of these two amounts is the average monthly balance, which is \$58.35. Therefore, I have calculated plaintiff's initial partial payment to be \$11.67. Plaintiff is reminded that if he does not have the money to make the initial partial payment in his regular account, he will have to arrange with prison authorities to pay some or all of the assessment from his release account. This does not mean that plaintiff is free to ask prison authorities to pay *all* of his filing fee from his release account. The only amount plaintiff must

pay at this time is the \$11.67 initial partial payment. Before prison officials take any portion of that amount from plaintiff's release account, they may first take from plaintiff's regular account whatever amount up to the full amount plaintiff owes. Plaintiff should show a copy of this order to prison officials to insure that they are aware they should send plaintiff's initial partial payment to this court.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff is assessed \$11.67 as an initial partial payment of the \$350 fee for filing this case. He is to submit a check or money order made payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$11.67 on or before December 2, 2010. If by December 2, 2010 plaintiff fails to make the initial partial payment or show cause for his failure to do so, he will be held to have withdrawn this action voluntarily. In that event, the clerk of court is directed to close this file without prejudice to plaintiff's filing his case at a later date.

Entered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge